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SUBJECT: 63RD SESSION OF ECOSOC: FULL PLO MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ECWA)

REF: (A) STATE 149837 (B) STATE 148736

1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING DIRECTOR FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JI'AN JULY 6 TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS,
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ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION CHIEF BRIEFLY WENT OVER
ISSUE OF PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS
REF B. JI'AN, WAS COMPLETELY UNMOVED BY PRESENT-
ATION. HE SAID THAT KUWAIT AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF
ECWA SUPPORT PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA. HE REJECTED THE
ARGUMENT ABOUT SUCH A MOVE SETTING UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT
SAYING THAT "MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB IS SIMPLY UP TO

THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB. IF THEY WANT THE PLO IN, THEN IT SHOULD BE IN". HE ALSO REJECTED THE IDEA THAT PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA WOULD COMPLICATE EVEN MORE CURRENT EFFORTS TO GET MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS STARTED, VIEWING PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA AS A MINOR SIDE ISSUE. WHEN EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT PLO HAD BEEN AN OBSERVER FOR ECWASponsored CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT IN LATE MAY, JI'AN AGREED BUT SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN BEFORE ECWA DECISION WHICH NOW WAS THE STATED POSITION OF ECWA MEMBERS.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH JI'AN IS SOMEWHAT DOCTRINAIRE ON AIRAB-ISRAELI MATTERS, WE BELIEVE HIS COMMENTS ACCURATELY REFLECT KUWAIT'S POSITION. GIVEN ITS LARGEST PALESTINIAN MINORITY, WE DOUBT THAT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KUWAITIS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL GET US VERY FAR.
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